



STIC Search Report

EIC 3600

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Search Notes

If a modification or re-focus of this search is needed, please let me know.

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STIC EIC 3600 Search Request Form

Today's Date:

4-19-04

Priority Date: 2/16/01

For 705 Searches list subclass:

~~12/16/00 in PALM provisional~~ 705/6

Your Name

Dennis Ruhl

Is this a Rush? YES ☒ NO ☐

SPE's Signature

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3629

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Is this a first action amendment? YES ☒ NO ☐

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Is this a refocus? YES ☒ NO ☐

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What is the focus of this search? Please include concepts, synonyms etc.

Attach a copy of the abstract, pertinent claims and your East search strategy. Thanks.

Please search for the concept of allowing authorized users (members of a service) to log onto a web page and reserve a vehicle for rent. The user can specify time/date/location for pick up and drop off. When the user begins the reservation, a computer system in the car handle the check in. A smart card (chip card) that authorized users (members) receive is their ID, and the computer system of the car can recognize the smart card (verify ID). The computer verifies user ID, confirms that the user has a valid reservation, and enables entry into the car, enables ignition, and tracks mileage, time in rent, etc. Zipcar.com is a web page that does this type of stuff and appears to be the applicant.

keywords

rent, reserve, auto or car or vehicle,

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Questions about the scope or the results of the search? Contact **the EIC searcher or contact:**

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Voluntary Results Feedback Form

➤ I am an examiner in Workgroup: Example: 3620 (optional)

➤ Relevant prior art **found**, search results used as follows:

- ☐ 102 rejection
- ☐ 103 rejection
- ☐ Cited as being of interest.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the invention.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

Types of relevant prior art found:

- ☐ Foreign Patent(s)
- ☐ Non-Patent Literature
(journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

➤ Relevant prior art **not found**:

- ☐ Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- ☐ Results were not useful in determining patentability or understanding the invention.

Comments:

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